

Cross-Training Planning Check List

- Form a planning team
 - Recruit representatives from each system participating in cross-training
 - Include leaders/decision-makers
 - Invite others who can bring resources and connections
- Identify date and location for training
 - Community colleges/higher education institutions, libraries, houses of worship, and schools can provide no- or low-cost options
 - Make sure the date doesn't conflict with other major events/initiatives in all systems
 - Consider linking the cross-training to existing events, if feasible and desirable
 - Consider parking, transit, accessibility, etc.
- Develop training agenda and recruit speakers
 - Speakers should be a good "salesperson" for their system
 - Utilize local experts
 - Keynote speakers can be a draw but aren't necessary
- Develop an evaluation plan
 - Identify or create an evaluation form to be used the day of the training to collect feedback from attendees
 - Consider measuring impact through pre- and post-tests, follow-up surveys, etc.
- Arrange for continuing education credits
 - Start as early as possible—application processes can be time consuming
 - Consider every attendee and what kind of continuing education credits they may need
- Set up a registration process
 - Many web-based options are available for free, including SurveyMonkey or Eventbrite
 - Ask registrants which system they identify with, as it is not always obvious based on agency or title
- Market the training
 - Consider asking system leaders to send the training invitation out and to have those leaders strongly encourage attendance and follow-up
- Plan for other training logistics
 - Lunch/refreshments
 - Handouts
 - Day-of assignments: set up, registration, technology management, emcee, back up support to speakers, preparing and handing out attendance certificates/CEUs, clean up
- Debrief meeting
 - General debrief
 - Analyze/review evaluations
 - Identify implications for future trainings and/or policy/systems issues
 - Develop plan for any identified next steps from the training
 - Discuss plans for next training